US Coast Guard

Force Protection

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Coast Guard Roles

- **OCONUS Support to Combatant Commanders**
- **CONUS Support to DOD**
  - Protection of DOD Facilities
  - Military Outloads
- **Protection of Coast Guard Assets/Facilities**

Full Dimensional Protection

Full Dimensional Protection is the ability of the joint force to protect its personnel and other assets required to decisively execute assigned tasks. Full dimensional protection is achieved through the tailored selection and application of multilayered active and passive measures, within the domains of air, land, sea, space, and information across the range of military operations with an acceptable level of risk.

OCONUS Support

- **USCG Port Security Units**
  - Deployable operating unit
  - Equipped with six heavily armed boats
  - Provides waterborne security, surveillance, interdiction and point defense
- **NCW Org**
  - Harbor Defense Command Unit (HDCU)

PSU Capabilities

- 146 Personnel (117 deployable)
- 6 25’ Boston Whaler transportable boats w/ outboards
- Weapons/Secure Communications
- Self-sustaining for 30 days
- Six teams deployable world-wide within 96 hours

CONUS Ops

- **Protection of DOD Facilities**
  - Security Zones
  - Pre-Arrival Security Boardings
- **Protection of Naval Assets**
  - Underway
  - At Naval Facility
  - At Non-Naval Facility

CONUS Ops

- **Military Outloads**
  - Terminal Security
    - Seaports of Embarkation (SPOE)
      - Located at Public/Private Piers
      - Often co-located with other operations
      - Security comprised of DOD/CG/Local
    - Military Ocean Terminals (MOT)
      - Located on military reservations
      - Primary security is Base/CG
  - Vessel Escorts

USCG Force Protection (FP)

- **CG adopted fundamentals of DoD Force Protection Program**
  - Philosophical basis (credible deterrence as opposed to chasing objective perfection)
  - Scalable effort based on threat assessment, actual intel, and unit vulnerabilities
  - Uses DoD Force Protection methodologies
    - Considers DoD Threat Level (set by DIA)
    - Takes cues from DoD in setting domestic FP Condition (FPCON)
    - Institutes DoD FPCON measures (actions taken to mitigate threats/vulnerabilites)

USCG Force Protection (FP)

- **CG FPCON not formally tied to DoD, or DHS, alert posture**
- **CG HQ sets “baseline” – but Area/District commanders free to raise/lower**
  - Major difference w/DoD (commanders may not set below “baseline”)
  - CG approach less centralized, less disciplined, less systematic
- **Major CG review of security policy underway now, informed by;**
  - Evolving DHS security policy
  - Unique CG culture/mission/operating environment
  - Resource constraints

United States Coast Guard

Personnel		Assets		Units
38,000	Active Duty	233	Cutters	2 Areas = 9 Districts
8,000	Reservists	144	Helicopters	47 COTP/MSO/MSU
6,000	Civilians	49	Planes	25 Air Stations
35,000	Auxiliarists	1317	Small Boats	38 Groups = 186 Stations

Missions	(per Homeland Security Act)	**Roles** (per USCG Pub 1)
Non-HLS	• Search and Rescue (SAR) • Marine Safety	★ Maritime Safety
	• Aids to Navigation • Ice Operations	★ Maritime Mobility
	• Marine Environmental Protection • Living Marine Resources (LMR)	★ Protection of Natural Resources
Homeland Security	• Ports, Waterways, and Coastal Security • Drug Interdiction • Migrant Interdiction • Other LE (e.g., FFV Incursions)	★ Maritime Security

QUESTIONS?